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## EYEWITNESS ACCOUNTS OF UFO SIGHTINGS PUBLISHED

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[Article by Jin Tao [6855 3947]: "Sightings of Flying Saucers in China"]

[Text] Not only has a stream of reports of flying saucers come out abroad, but even in China reports of flying saucers have begun.

The excerpts from letters printed below are reports of firsthand observations for which we express our sincere appreciation to the reporters. Do flying saucers exist? Are they flying objects launched by superior forms of life on other celestial bodies in our galaxy? We currently have no way of replying, but this does not stop us from studying and collecting clues no matter how tenuous they may be.

On 24 September 1979, a report was received from Yang Xiusong [2799 4423 2646], teacher at a supplemental school in Tianjin's eastern suburbs:

It was the autumn of 1943, possibly a day in September at some time after 1900 hours in the evening at my native home in Qingxian. I was enjoying myself in the courtyard when suddenly something flew across the sky from east to west shining white light, but the light wave (the area covered) was not large. Its center seemed like a saucer "revolving around a fixed point" in the sky. When I saw it passing overhead, I ran up to the roof of the house at once to watch it, but it disappeared in about a minute. Later on I heard that it had landed somewhere. I think I was not the only one to see it at that time, and later on there was a lot of discussion about it, and it was said to be a new weapon that Japan had invented.

On 25 September 1979, a report was received from Wang Xue'an [3769 1331 1344] of the Burmese Language Unit of the Beijing Foreign Languages Bureau.

Around 1900 or 2000 hours on the evening of 18 September 1971, before the sky had entirely darkened and before the moon had come out, and not long after the students from Ji County in Hunan Province who were attending the May 7 Cadre School at the Foreign language Bureau in Beijing had eaten, everybody was in his room, some studying, some reading newspapers, some writing, and some chatting among themselves. Since I had nothing to do, I walked out the main entrance of the dormitory only to suddenly discover at a distance of about 2,000 or 3,000 meters up in the sky a huge lighted wheel slowly revolving in a clockwise direction while moving forward. After I shouted, the people in their rooms came flying out to watch. Unfortunately, when

I first discovered the lighted wheel, it had already passed over our cadre school and was located at a 60 to 80 degree angle to it. It headed in a northwesterly direction away from us and slowly floated away. This great flying wheel assumed the form of a smoke cloud, and it looked a little like a spiral nebula in pictures of heavenly bodies. It emitted a yellowish light, but I heard no sound. The center of this huge lighted wheel seemed thick while it became gradually thinner toward the edges. Its speed of turning was quite slow, but its speed of forward motion was relatively fast. I observed it for about one minute until it gradually disappeared across the horizon to the northwest. All 10 of us kept looking at this extraordinary phenomenon until we could see it no longer.

On 27 September 1979, a report was received from Liu Taiquan [0491 3141 1557], a graduate in the 79th class of No 2 Middle School in Chengyang Municipal Middle School in Shaanxi Province:

On 23 October 1977, I wandered the streets and lanes listening to adults chatting. It was almost dusk when suddenly someone pointed at the sky and said: "Look! What is that?" Everyone looked up at the sky. We saw only a globe shape (dark yellow in color) spinning there and moving forward very rapidly. It remained within our sight for only a minute or so (though we watched until it disappeared). Out of curiosity, I recorded the incident in my middle school arithmetic book, and this is what I wrote. "At 6:45 pm on 23 October 1977, the direction of flight was from north to south."

On 29 September 1979, the Shaanxi Branch of the Chinese Academy of Sciences forwarded a report from Wang Yongjun [3769 0516 6511], third year student in the Department of History at Shaanxi Teachers University:

During summer vacation this year on an afternoon in early August (between 1600 and 1700 hours, the sky was dark blue and utterly cloudless when my mother and I cleaned up some wheat that had been left out for sunning. Suddenly we discovered coming directly out of the west a basically globe shaped (its edges were irregular) thing like a fireball, revolving and flying toward the southeast. It was yellow, red and white in color, but yellow predominated with red next, and finally white. The center of the globe had the shape of a tongue of flame that constantly changed, but the tongue of flame did not extend outside the body of the globe. It flew forward at an even speed (faster than an airplane but slower than a meteorite) without stopping and without any apparent increase in altitude. The object flew for about a minute until it suddenly disappeared without trace in a southeasterly direction. The object was larger than a wash basin but smaller than a sieve.

Point of observation: Shunling Second Brigade, Dizhang Commune, Jianyang City.

On 28 February 1979, a report was received from Wang Zhen [3769 7201], second year student in the Department of Chinese Language at Gansu Teachers University:

It was probably one day in August 1977 when I was at Baidunzi in Jingtai County, Wuwei Prefecture, Gansu Province. At the time, I was a trade union cadre in the Yinzen Textile Mill in Gansu Province, and I had just arrived together with a group of employees from the mill, at a farm operated by the mill where we were going to join in the wheat harvest (at approximately 104.5° E, 37.5° W.)

That evening a movie was being shown in a unit at the southern edge of our farm, and many of the people from our farm went to see it. It was already quite late when I went (probably between 2030 and 2100 hours). It was already dark and stars flickered in the sky. Visibility was excellent, and the open countryside stretched as far as the eye could see. I and two other colleagues walked along together, examining the magnificent star-studded sky as we walked. Since childhood, I have been quite fond of astronomy, and while a primary school student in Shanghai, I joined the astronomy section of the municipal youth science and technology guidance station.) Suddenly, the attention of all three of us was attracted by a marvelous flying object. Since it was so peculiar, everyone seemed frightened, held their breaths, and made not a sound. A very large flying object emitting a milky white strong light flew soundlessly over our heads, flying off to our right side at not too great a speed, going from north to south. Our first impression was that it was not far from us (the surface of the ground), because if most of the stars may be said to be as large as a "sesame seed," the flying object was as big as "a one-cent nickel coin" (or else if it was distant from us, it was extremely large). It was rotating (but I have forgotten the direction of rotation), and it had a power source that emitted light. The light was very bright but not eye-piercing. The light beam shone down in a whorl-like shape (like smoke rings) as the body of the flying object revolved. Each ring came out in about 1 or 2 seconds. This flying object seemed to be multi-storied, because it did not look like a circular iron cake but rather like the cover for an enamel mug, and because it gave me the feeling that in addition to the light projected downward as it rotated, that the light from other small points of light were even brighter than that light beam. The entire flying object was shrouded in a vapor-like light that was a little less bright than the whorl-shaped light beams that show down from the rotation, and the flying object was not flat.

Within about one-half to one minute, it disappeared over the horizon to the front of us (the south).

On 5 October 1979, a report was received from Wang Ziteng [3076 5261 7506], of the Athletic Commission in Handan Prefecture, Hebei Province:

One evening during the summer of 1958 at around 2000 or 2100 hours, I was in my hometown of Wangjiacun, Boyang County, Jiangxi Province. I was outside the main entrance to the courtyard enjoying the cool air, when suddenly I heard several housewives shout, "It's bad. It's a bad omen!" Some picked up vegetable knives, and some held sticks with which they beat on the bamboo bed in an effort to drive away the "monster"!

The "monster" was round in shape and able to emit red light and blue, and white colored light. Its speed of flight was not too fast, and it was, perhaps, somewhat more than 10 zhang high.....

On 6 October 1979, Li Hong [2621 3163] of the 205 team (Gaoling County, Shaanxi Province) of the No 2 Composite Prospecting Brigade of the headquarters of the State Geology Bureau reported:

In 1977, we were working in Luonan Prefecture in Shaanxi Province. It was probably toward nightfall in the middle of October (I can't remember the exact time, but I

can find out if necessary). Many people had congregated in front of the stage to watch a play, when suddenly there appeared in the sky an orange-yellow, revolving, disk-shaped flying object, which slowly moved from the northwest toward the southeastern horizon in the course of from one to two minutes. At Yongfeng, many fellow-villagers also came rushing out to look in response to shouts of alarm. After our team dispersed, it was said that some people in Gaoling had also seen this phenomenon, and quite a few people believe they had seen it.

On 10 October 1979, a report was received from Wang Baosheng [3769 1405 3932] at the People's Printing Plant in Baoji, Shaanxi Province:

In August 1977 while I was at Shujiagou, Miaocun Brigade, at the foot of Wu Mountain in the Xinjie Commune of Baoji County, I saw a strange star. On the afternoon of this day just as night was falling, the sky was exceptionally clear; the heavens were filled with stars, and there were no clouds. Five of us including Li Donglin [2621 2639 2651], Huang Aizhong [7806 1947 1813], and Liang Zhike [2733 1807 4430] had just ringed the table to eat. When I raised my head, suddenly I saw a strange star fly over the tops of our heads, and I immediately excitedly told everyone to look. We saw only that it belched smoke and shot out tongues of flame as it rotated off to the south. This thing was about as large as a small basin, and it disappeared from view within about one minute.

On 14 October 1979, a report was received from Liu Genji [0491 2704 1015], worker at the transportation repair plant of the 71 Roadbed Construction Company, Tongzhou City, Shaanxi Province:

It was probably during the wheat harvest season of 1970 or 1971 in Chengguan Prefecture, Tongzhou City. (I can't remember for sure just when I went to live and work at the production team there). I and two other young men were on the road back to the production team after having delivered some vegetables to the procurement station. (It was already around 2100 hours). When I looked up at the sky over my head, there was a foggy kind of cloud that was very white and semi-transparent. The sky was clear at the time, and I didn't see the moon nor any other clouds. I had never seen such a semi-transparent misty cloud before, and I was very curious about it. As I pulled the two-wheeled cart along, I looked upward at it and told my buddies about it. After about 20 seconds, a wheel that looked like a globe emerged from it, which was about as big as the full moon when it first rises on the day of the mid-autumn festival. It was very bright and moved ahead slowly and rotated upward. It then stopped at what I would guess was about 200 meters away and was slowly enveloped by a semi-transparent misty cloud and became no longer visible. Along the line of its flight a mist lingered such as comes out of a jet airplane exhaust. My guess about its height is that it was substantially the same as the height of the moon when it comes up. We walked for about two li, and it also rotated away behind the western hills like the moon, maintaining the same speed throughout. If it had not spurted out a misty cloud, I might have supposed that it was the moon moving faster than usual.

After returning to the production team and unloading the cart, I went out to the wheat fields to look around. There were four or five people there including the team leader. I asked the team leader whether he had seen the situation in the sky, and the team leader said that they had all seen it. It has risen from the foot of the eastern hills and was gleaming when it first rose and as big as a dipper, but they didn't pay any attention later on.

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